

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A method to form multiple multicolor images in substantial registration on shaped edible pieces, said method comprising the steps of:

printing an a first image in a first color on a shaped non-planar surface of an edible piece to form a printed piece at a first printing station;

transporting the printed piece to a second printing station and maintaining a registering relationship of said printed piece from said first printing station to said second printing station by applying a pressure differential to a portion of said printed piece effective to maintain said printed piece in a set position in a transporting recess; and

printing a second image in a second color in registration with said first image on said printed piece while maintaining said registering relationship.

2. (Original) The method according to claim 1, wherein said transporting recess includes a resilient portion, and said applying of a pressure differential urges said printed piece against said resilient portion.

3. (Cancelled).

4. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 3-1, wherein said non-planar surface of said edible piece is maintained above a transport surface at said first and said second printing stations.

5-8. (Cancelled).

9. (Currently Amended) A method to form multiple multicolor images in substantial registration on a shaped an edible piece, said method comprising the steps of:
retaining a shaped an edible piece having a non-planar printing surface thereon against a recess formed on a transporting surface by applying a pressure differential to a portion of said shaped edible piece effective to urge said shaped edible piece against said recess;
printing a first image in a first color on said shaped non-planar printing surface of said edible piece to form a printed piece at a first printing station; and
printing a second image in a second color in registration with said first image on said printed piece while maintaining a registering relationship of said first image to said second image

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9, wherein said recess includes a resilient portion, and said applying of a pressure differential urges said edible piece against said resilient portion.

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11 or 9, wherein said non-planar printing surface of said shaped edible piece is maintained above said transporting surface at said first and said second printing stations.

Claims 13-58. (Cancelled).